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All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's sterling edition!

Boy Scouts to award three Eagle Ranks

Clarendon Boy Scout Troop 433 will present the Eagle Rank to three young men this Thursday, January 4.

McCullough Roach, LaDez Captain, and Billy Cenicerros will receive Scouting's highest honor in a public ceremony at the Bairfield Activity Center at 7:30 p.m.

EMT-Basic instruction to begin next Monday

Enrollment is now open for an EMT-Basic training class hosted by the Associated Ambulance Authority this year.

Classes begin January 8 and run through May 7, meeting every Monday and Thursday night from 6:00 to 10:00 and on some Saturdays. ECA (Emergency Care Attendant) instruction will also be given at this time.

The classes are free to Donley County residents with the exception of the cost of the textbook, uniform (black pants and white shirt), and immunizations.

Class size is limited to 25 students, and Donley County residents receive enrollment priority.

For more information or to sign up, call Anita Aaron at 874-3139.

Breast cancer screens to be given January 15

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at the Clarendon Associated Ambulance Authority Building in Clarendon on January 15, 2007.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Parenting class to be offered in Wellington

STAR Services to At Risk Youth and their Families is sponsoring a "Back in Control" parenting skills class in Wellington on January 20, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sandwiches will be provided. Registration is required. There will be no childcare provided. Those arrangements are to be made by the parents on their own elsewhere to insure the safety of their children while the parents are involved in the class.

There is no charge for attending the class. Interested persons may sign up by calling 359-2005.



The Hedley Lady Owls won the title at the Greenbelt Classic Tournament Saturday.

Enterprise Photo / Karil Lindsey

Lady Owls win tournament Clarendon girls take second in Greenbelt Classic

By Sandy Anderberg

The Hedley Lady Owls came out on top after the Clarendon Lady Broncos took it down to the wire in their own tournament over the holidays.

The Hedley girls won the championship match of the Greenbelt Classic 43-47 in Saturday night's game.

Katie Gregory from Hedley earned the MVP award. All-Tournament honors went to Clarendon's Jessi Howard and Macy Shadle. Lockney won the Sportsmanship Award, and Megan McClain was the three-point contest winner.

The championship game was all even after the first quarter of play,

but the Lady Owls claimed a small advantage at the break. The Lady Broncos came back and outscored their opponent in the third period to come within one point at 30-31. But Hedley was allowed too many free throws in the last quarter and took the four-point win.

Scoring for Clarendon were: Jessi Howard 18, Macy Shadle 8, Regan Lemley 7, Abbie Massingill 4, Erin Holland 2, Sade Cobb 2, and Haley Carter 2.

Individual results for Hedley were not available at press time.

The Lady Broncos breezed through Groom, Highland Park, and Lockney to get to the championship game. They defeated Groom 94-21

in the first round in a game that was definitely a team effort as everyone contributed to the win with five players recording double digits.

Scoring: Cobb 18, Shadle 17, Howard 16, Holland 10, Lemley 10, Haley Carter 7, Katie Askew 7, Jill Cornell 4, Massingill 4, and Shelby Watson 2.

The Ladies defeated Highland Park 68-51 in the second round in their second Thursday game. Despite an improved effort by the Lady Hornets, the Lady Broncos were in complete control of the game from the tip-off.

Scoring: Howard 15, Lemley 13, Shadle 11, Massingill 8, Askew 6, Cobb 5, Cornell 4, and Holland 4.

The Lady Broncos faced Lockney in the next round and got by them 36-33. The game was tight throughout, but the Ladies stayed strong and got the win.

"Overall, we feel like we are playing good," Clarendon coach Steve Myatt said. "We are improving, and we need to keep improving to make sure we are ready for District."

Scoring: Howard 13, Shadle 11, Cobb 5, Lemley 4, Carter 2, and Watson 1.

The Lady Broncos will travel to Memphis January 5 and will play Channing there January 9. They will host Bushland January 12 with all games at 6:30 p.m.

County unemployment rate edges up to 3.6 percent

AUSTIN — Donley County's unemployment rate remained steady at 3.6 percent in November after ticking up slightly in October, according to information released this week by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Seasonally non-adjusted data from TWC showed 1,747 people employed out of a workforce of 1,812. October's data had 1,766 employed out of a workforce of 1,832.

The actual number of people looking for

work in November was 65, which is down 67 in September.

Statewide seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment in Texas grew by 16,400 jobs from October to November as Texas employers continue adding jobs. Over the last 12 months, the Texas economy grew by 204,300 jobs, with an over-the-year growth rate of 2.1 percent.

Texas employers now have added jobs for 26 consecutive months. November's seasonally

adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.7 percent from last month's 4.8 percent and from 5.3 percent in November 2005.

"Job growth has steadily increased for more than two years, which indicates a robust Texas labor market," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "With broad-based job gains posted again this month, the state's annual growth rate of 2.1 percent continues to significantly outpace the U.S. rate of 1.3 percent."

Private burial held for preservationist

The woman who sparked new interest in restoring historic places in Donley County passed away last Wednesday, December 27. Zell Rodgers SoRelle was 95.

Burial was December 28 at the James Pinkney Rodgers Bird Sanctuary south of Clarendon. Memorial services are pending.

In addition to being influential in Clarendon, Mrs. SoRelle was a professor emerita of what is now West Texas A&M University and an Amarillo civic leader. She was listed in the World List of Phoneticians, the Distinguished Scholars of America, and the Outstanding Educators of America.

She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from West Texas State University and a Ph.D. in phonetics from the University of Denver. Her distinguished teaching career at WTSU lasted from 1962 to 1977. She was awarded recognition as Profes-

sor Emeritus for Education and twice selected to give a paper for the Phonetic Society of Japan in that country. In 1977, she received the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation Award.

During her university career, Zell was a member of the Texas Speech Association, the Speech Communication Association of America, the International Society of Phonetic Sciences, the Phonetic Society of Japan, the Linguistic Society of America, the American Dialect Society, the Southern Speech Association, Pi Kappa Delta, Alpha Psi Omega, and Chi Omega. She was selected to the Outstanding Educators of America and the Directory of International Biography. She received a Women's Forum Award.

Born in Clarendon, Mrs. SoRelle was the daughter of Beulah Clara Simmons and James Pinkney Rodgers. She graduated from Clarendon High School and attended Clarendon

College. In the early 1930s, Mrs. SoRelle began her teaching career at the Bairfield one-room schoolhouse on the JA Ranch at the age of 17. She was mentioned in "Ripley's Believe It or Not" when during one year she had only one student and there were only five taxpayers for the school. The schoolhouse was later moved to Texas Tech University's Ranch Heritage Center. When the school was dedicated there, officials had Zell SoRelle — the school's last teacher — to come ring the school bell.

In 1937, Zell married Seth Augustus "Jack" SoRelle. They lived in Borger for several years. In 1942, she obtained a pilot's license, one of the first women in the Texas Panhandle to complete such training. During World War II, she was asked by Jacqueline Cochran to join the Women's Army Corps but declined due to impending motherhood.

In the 1940s, the SoRelles

moved to Amarillo, and Mrs. SoRelle was a member of the Amarillo Symphony Board for more than 20 years. Working with Becky Reeder Arnold and Katherine and Horace Wilson, research was done and plans were made for the Amarillo Symphony Guild. Continuing civic efforts to support the symphony, Mrs. SoRelle and Mrs. T.J. Wagner, Jr., worked with others to institute the Symphony Ball.

As the musical drama "TEXAS" was conceived, Mrs. SoRelle helped fundraise and was an underwriter for the new endeavor. She served on the musical's board for a number of years.

Returning to Clarendon with her husband in 1982, Mrs. SoRelle undertook a new project — the restoration of a 1904 Queen Anne Victorian home, known as the S.W. Lowe House.

With the advice of architects and



Dr. Zell R. SoRelle

a consultant, Mrs. SoRelle oversaw the meticulous work to refurbish the home and make it look as closely as possible to what it did when it was new, and she obtained historical markers from the State of Texas. See "SoRelle" on page three.

Beef prices to hold firm in new year

Consumers can look forward to steady retail beef prices in 2007 as beef demand levels out and cattlemen continue to produce adequate supplies of beef.

"Retail beef prices averaged \$3.98 per pound in 2006, down 10¢ from the \$4.08 we saw in 2005," said Jim Gill, market director for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) in Amarillo.

Speaking at the annual TCFA Year-End News Conference in December, Gill said strong beef demand has supported higher beef prices for several years.

"But presently, beef demand seems to be leveling out, and it is likely that 2007's retail beef price will show very little change from this year."

For cattle feeders, the prediction is much the same — 2007 fed cattle prices should trade in a range similar to the price range seen in 2006. Gill's outlook for fed cattle prices: \$78 to \$86 in the first quarter; \$82 to \$88 in the second quarter; \$84 to \$90 in the third quarter; and \$86 to \$94 in the fourth quarter.

"Fed cattle prices during 2006 averaged near \$86 per cwt. with a range from \$78 to \$98 during the year," he said. Fed cattle prices were pressured by record-setting slaughter weights combined with higher-than-expected cow slaughter due to the extended drought. Slaughter weights in 2007 will likely trend lower in response to higher feed costs, he said.

Those higher feed costs will be driven by high corn costs as ethanol demand continues to fuel the grain complex.

"Since mid-September, corn prices have increased more than \$1.10 per bushel on the futures market," Gill said.

The increase is driving cost of gain higher in feedyards, Gill said; and if any winter weather develops in the next several months, cost of gain could go higher yet.

Looking down the road, Gill says feeder cattle supplies will continue to tighten over the next several years as ranchers retain heifers. "The cow herd expansion that started several years ago has slowed or even stopped this year due to the drought," Gill said.

While that will put a bullish foundation under feeder cattle prices, pressure will continue to come from higher corn prices.

In fact, cow-calf and stocker operators have seen feeder cattle prices come under pressure the past few months due to escalating corn costs, Gill said.

SoRelle:

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and the National Register of Historic Places. Zell loved to share her beautiful home with the public by opening it for Victorian teas and tours and musical and poetry reading programs. She presented stories of her art collections accumulated during her world travels for all ages - from Clarendon College's Elderhostel groups and civic clubs to high school home economic classes to elementary school students.

In a 2000 interview with the ENTERPRISE, Mrs. SoRelle said she particularly enjoyed school children visiting her home. The kids would bring maps with them. As they toured the house, Zell would show them various mementos from her travels around the world, tells them where they came from, and had the students find the countries on the map.

She usually started with a piece of ivory from Iran which had very small horses painted on it, she recalled.

"I'll say, 'Can you see those little tiny, tiny lines there? What do you think that artist used to paint those?' When I tell them a cat's whisker, oh, I've got them in the palm of my hand," she said.

Starting with her home, Mrs. SoRelle revitalized the whole idea of the historic mission in Clarendon. Attention grew and spread to the Donley County Courthouse, which has since been the subject of a glorious restoration.

Her dedication was for the whole area, and it involved everything that she had grown up with. She did so much for Clarendon to get people inspired just by being herself, recounting her love of Clarendon, and talking about her own interests. She was responsible for the recognition of two cemeteries - one at Goldston and the other at Jericho.

Since returning to Clarendon, Mrs. SoRelle was a member of the Donley County Historical Commission, Les Beaux Arts Club, and the First United Methodist Church and was a strong supporter of the activities of Clarendon College, the Saints' Roost Museum, and the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce.

Zell's last years were spent in close proximity with the outdoors. In 1993, assisted by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, the Texas Forest Service, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Donley County Soil and Water Conservation District, she established the James Pinkney Rodgers Bird Sanctuary on 110 acres on the outskirts of Clarendon. This is the only bird sanctuary in the 26-county area of the Texas Panhandle, and it is listed on the Panhandle Plains Wild Life Trail.

She observed, listened, and marveled at the wonder of the natural environment; and she considered the sanctuary to be some of her most important work, noting that the monarch butterfly and several varieties of birds fly right through this area when migrating from Mexico to Ottawa.

"I didn't think there was anything I could leave [the Panhandle] that would mean more than that shelterbelt," she said in 2000. "And, of course, birdwatchers are the biggest bunch of travelers that there are. They come from Japan [to the United States]."

Mrs. SoRelle was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, in 2000. She is survived by a daughter, Sara SoRelle.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Amarillo Panhandle Humane Society, the Audubon Society, any no-kill animal shelter, the Amarillo Symphony, or the Texas Heritage Foundation.

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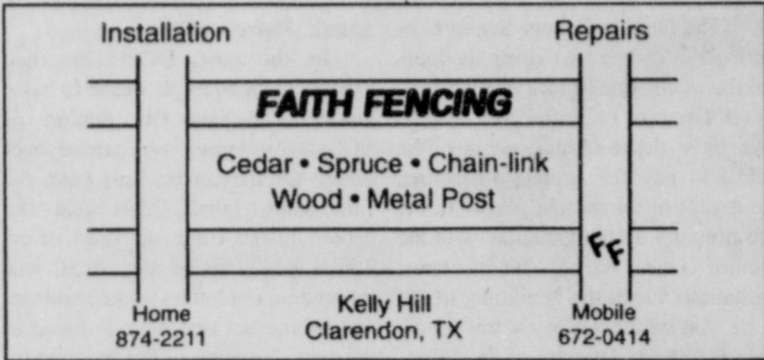
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weather report

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Mon	25	54°	22°	-
Tues	26	45°	21°	-
Wed	27	63°	23°	-
Thur	28	75°	41°	-
Fri	29	54°	41°	.83"
Sat	30	44°	34°	.82"
Sun	31	39°	29°	.01"

Total precipitation this month: 3.23"
Total precipitation to date: 19.77"
Total precipitation in Dec. last year: .08"
Total YTD last year: 17.37"

weekend forecast

Friday, Jan. 5
Mostly Cloudy
50°/34°
Saturday, Jan. 6
Decreasing Clouds
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January 4
Troop 433 Eagle Scout Presentation • Bairfield Activity Center • 7:30 p.m.

January 5
CHS v. Channing • at Channing
HHS v. Booker • at Booker

January 9
Immunization Clinic • Texas Department of State Health Services Office • 9:30 a.m.

January 13
Donley County Junior Livestock Association Show and Auction • Clarendon Community Center

January 15
Breast Cancer Screening • Associated Ambulance Building • 356-1905

Community Menus

January 8 - 12

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Hot Steak Sandwich/gravy, potato wedges, tossed salad, white chocolate macadamia cookies, toast, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Tue: Chicken strips, potato soup, buttered carrots, broccoli salad, peach cobbler, biscuits, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Wed: Beef stew, cheese sticks, beets, chocolate pudding, corn bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Thu: Pork tenderloin/brown gravy, baked potatoes, Brussels sprouts, fruit salad, red velvet cake, rolls, coffee, tea, lowfat milk
Fri: BBQ chicken, baked beans, fried squash, three bean salad, blueberry banana pie, rolls, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Spaghetti & meat sauce, fried squash, California blend vegetables, green salad, butterscotch pudding
Tue: Pork roast & gravy, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, apple sauce, bread pudding
Wed: Butter beans & ham, potato wedges, buttered carrots, beet/onion salad, sliced peaches
Thu: Steak & gravy, baked potato, peas & carrots, Waldorf salad, chocolate pudding
Fri: Cheeseburger, tater tots, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, and baked apples

Clarendon CISD

Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit mix, milk
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, peaches, milk
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk
Thu: Eggs, toast, fruit, milk
Fri: Homemade cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
Lunch
Mon: Corn dogs, black-eyed peas, salad, fruit mix, milk
Tue: Steak fingers, fries, salad, peaches, milk
Wed: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, apricots, milk, roll
Thu: Soft chicken tacos, beans, salad, pineapple, milk
Fri: No School

Hedley CISD

Mon: Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad/ranch, corn, fruit cups, milk
Tue: Nacho grande, lettuce, tomato, sliced apple, cornbread, picante sauce, milk
Wed: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes/gravy, cut green beans, fancy gelatin, hot rolls, milk
Thu: Stuffed baked potato, tossed salad, broccoli/ranch, Texas toast, fruit cobbler, milk
Fri: Corn dogs, waffle fries, baked beans, orange quarters, chocolate chip cookie, milk

Senior Citizens Center needs donations

The Donley County Senior Citizens is in danger of closing its doors to the public due to lack of funding.

"Because of unforeseen events, we have depleted our savings. We have to pay for supplies, gasoline, and a lot of things that people in the community do not associate with the senior center. We have an insurance premium due at the beginning of the year that we cannot pay at this time", Marlee Sharp, Director of the DCSC said. "We had to first purchase a new fryalator because the old one had a safety issue. We had a fire and were closed for three days. It has been money that we had not expected to

spend," Sharp said.

In the past, DCSC has had several campaigns in order to raise money. The Save Our Seniors or SOS several years ago earned over \$8000 for the center. Last year, the Emergency Fund Drive that the center hosted came up short of its \$5000 goal. This month, DCSC will be sending out letters to the residents and businesses that have donated in the past. "Anyone in the community can donate. There is not an age limit or a monetary limit. Any amount given is appreciated whether it is time or a money donation. We really need all of the help we can get. What

we are doing here at the center is worth it," Sharp said.

DCSC provides the noon meal for between 20 to 32 people in the Clarendon area and between 30 and 50 people who come into the center. If the center has to close its doors to the public, the meals on wheels program will continue with state financial support. Sharp explained, "There will no longer be meals available to our congregate members, and that is a shame because fellowship is so important, and our guests get that here at the center."

Annually, DCSC needs \$140,000 to keep the doors opened. Money

is given to the center via donation, memorials, meal contributions, and state funding.

"It costs approximately \$6 to prepare each meal. That includes labor cost as well as food cost. We charge only \$3 per meal for our guests over 60 years old. We charge \$5.50 for our guests that are 59 and older," Sharp said. "We receive state funding in order to supplement the income we receive for the meals. It really helps a lot."

For information about the meals on wheels program, lunch menus, or donations, call 874-2665 and speak to Marlee Sharp.

Square House Museum opens new art exhibits

Triptych: 3 Artists, 3 Media, 3 Months will open at the Carson County Square House Museum January 4, 2007 in the Hazlewood Gallery at 409 Elsie (TXHWY 207). Virgie Long of Hereford works in pastel, watercolor, pen and ink, oil, photography, gourds, and woodworking. Her friend, Georgetta Tempel, from Wiley, Colorado, also uses watercolor, oil and pastel, while Mary Lynne Pruett of Lamar, Colorado works mainly with oil and mixed media. All three ladies have studied extensively with area artists and have been involved with many exhibits throughout the tri-state area.

Debra Summers, an archaeological steward for the Texas Historic Commission, has worked on several projects along the Canadian River. In the course of this work, she became interested in the people and animals that lived here long before the Spaniards discovered the region. She has written a book about her discoveries and is exhibiting photographs taken during the research. Copies of the book will be available at the Square House store.

A reception for the artists will be held Sunday, January 14, 2007, from 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Come by, meet the artists and pick up a signed copy of the book about life on the Canadian River. For further information, please call (806) 537-3524.

Weathermen mess up snow forecast again

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and is planning a healthy New Year.

Lights and decorations are coming down and being put up for another year. I store my decorations in the attic, and the biggest chore is getting those boxes up and down the attic stairs. I pared it down to only three boxes this year, but my back went out, leaving ole Jim to finish decorating the tree. He earned a couple of stars in his crown while I was down, but thank goodness I am

better. We ate our black-eyed peas on New Year's in hopes of a good year, and I wish the same to all of you.

The weather-guessers in Amarillo have missed the mark for us twice with the forecast of snow. We have gotten rain.

I am not upset with those misses at all. We got 1.65 inches of rain at our house this week and ended the year with 18.86 inches. We have had more winter weather since Thanksgiving than we had all last year, and I hope the moisture continues. We

don't want any more wild fires.

Nancy and Charles Davis have a new great-grandson. Brody Jack Usleton was born December 29 and weighed in at a healthy 8 lbs. He is the son of Shawn and Becky Usleton



'wick picks

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of Canyon. Congratulations! We love to hear of new babies!

Our condolences go to Ken Stone on the loss of his wife, Liz, who was buried Friday. Modern medicine has made pneumonia less of a threat, but it still takes its toll. We will miss Liz. She was an asset to the church and the community.

Our prayer list is growing. Add Kay Couch. She has a big, up-hill battle to fight. Keep our troops in your prayers and support them in any way you can.

2007 master gardener class set in Lubbock

LUBBOCK - Is your green thumb itching for the garden? Would you like to learn more about gardening, fruit and nut trees, water conservation, and water gardening?

If so, you are a prime candidate for the 2007 Master Gardener classes slated in Lubbock County. Master Gardeners is an intensive horticulture course offered statewide by Texas Cooperative Extension.

The 2007 classes will begin Jan. 16 and run through March 8, meeting weekly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The 50 hours of instruction will also include at least one field trip.

Extension faculty, research specialists, and garden club members

teach Master Gardener students about botany, soils, lawn culture, vegetables and fruits, landscaping, water gardening, and other horticulture topics, said Brant Baugh, Extension integrated pest management agent in Lubbock County.

Those who complete this training are Master Gardener interns. Interns who wish to become a certified Master Gardener are required to complete 50 additional hours of volunteer service in horticulture education. Most interns fulfill their volunteer service by working in Extension demonstration gardens; serving as a horticulture advisor for a community garden; helping with school gardens; helping other com-

munity service agencies such as Habitat for Humanity; or by returning telephone calls to the county Extension office about horticulture and related projects.

Master Gardener tuition costs \$150 per person, plus \$10 for a mandatory background check. Registration is first-come, first-served, and the class size is limited.

The registration deadline is Jan. 9, 2007. Checks for registration should be payable to the Lubbock County Master Gardener Association.

For more information, or to register, call the Texas Cooperative Extension office in Lubbock County at 806-775-1680.

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Agriculture may be key to stabilizing Iraq

COLLEGE STATION - At this critical time in the Iraq war, a new effort to stabilize the country is being sought through agriculture. Texas Cooperative Extension, an agency of the Texas A&M University System, will lead a team of five land-grant universities to do just that.

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns today announced that these universities have been awarded \$5.3 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a project that will focus on strengthening agricultural extension and training in Iraq.

"This project is of tremendous importance to the Iraqi people, because only through agriculture can hope for a better future be achieved," said Dr. Elsa Murano, vice chancellor and dean of agriculture and life sciences at Texas A&M.

"Devoting these funds to this consortium of land-grant universities is a landmark event," said Dr. Ed Price, associate vice chancellor and director of the Norman E. Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture at Texas A&M, the entity that will coordinate this activity.

"It will allow these institutions to work together to affect a positive change and ultimately improve the quality of life for the Iraqi people."

Other universities in the consor-

tium are New Mexico State University, Washington State University, Utah State University and University of California at Davis. Plans also include involving Prairie View A&M University and Diné College, as well as partnering with universities throughout Iraq.

The universities in the team each have well-known Extension programs and agricultural expertise, including arid lands agriculture.

"The team's efforts are part of the Iraq Agricultural Extension Revitalization Project," said Price. "One of this project's main objectives is to develop a linkage between American institutions with agricultural expertise, Iraqi universities, and the Iraqi Ministry of Agriculture to build an effective and lasting extension capability for that country."

Some of the main areas the team will focus on include arid crop production development, management of water resources and irrigation, livestock production and animal health, private sector development, and market development. Team members will also develop and nurture ties between Iraqi colleges, Extension personnel, farming groups, and communities and households throughout Iraq.

"While our primary emphasis

will be on improving the lives of the Iraqis through helping them build and maintain their agricultural capacity, we will also be working to improve women's health and nutrition and toward developing youth leadership in that country," said Dr. Ed Smith, director of Texas Cooperative Extension, the lead agency in this consortium.

Texas A&M faculty members have been on-site in Iraq since 2003, working with the Iraqis as part of the Agricultural Reconstruction and Development for Iraq program of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

"We will be expanding and improving on the strides we have already taken in Iraq," Price said. "Our past experiences there will provide us invaluable knowledge and insights for this new opportunity to help the Iraqi people."

Collective efforts by Texas A&M and other land-grant team members in this project will help restore economic stability to Iraq, he added. Agriculture is Iraq's second-largest economic contributor.

"A nation's ability to feed its people is a key building block for political stability, which is why this project is so important for Iraq," said U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Texas.

Shot clinic scheduled

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an Immunization Clinic in Clarendon next Tuesday, January 9.

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Obituaries

Stone

Elizabeth Tyson "Liz" Stone, 82, died Wednesday, December 27, 2006, in Amarillo.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 29, 2006, in the First Baptist Church in Howard-

wick with Rev. Dave Stout, Pastor, officiating. Burial was at McKnight Cemetery in McKnight, Oklahoma. Services were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Stone was born March 8, 1924, in Hollis, Oklahoma to John and Gracie Miller Tyson. She married Kenneth Stone on February 23, 1999 in Clovis, New Mexico. She was a resident of Amarillo before moving to Howardwick in 1999. She was an active member in the First Baptist Church in Howardwick. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Mrs. Stone is preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Betty Jean Owens; two brothers, Leo Tyson and Buck Tyson.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth of Howardwick; two daughters, Carolyn Richmond of Ft. Worth and Becky Bills of Montgomery; one brother, Robert O. Tyson of Hollis, OK; seven grandchildren, Heather Post, Rhonda Rutz, Elizabeth Hope Forrester, Shannon Beidler, Beth Janicka, Karen Crooks, and David Richmond; and 10 great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the First Baptist Church of Howardwick Building Fund.

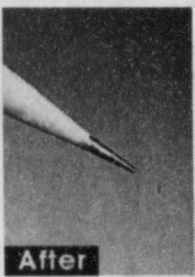


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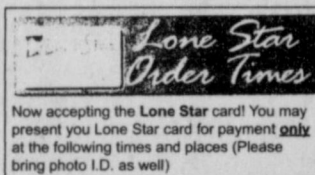
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Broncs take third in tourney Highland Park claims Greenbelt Classic title

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos participated in the Greenbelt Tournament held December 29-30 and finished in third place by defeating Happy 55-36 in the final game.

Highland Park went on to claim the championship, and White Deer finished second.

The Broncos held a slight lead over the Cowboys in the first period, but they came back with a huge second quarter and extended their lead to 11. They continued to control the game in the second half of play and won the game.

The Sportsmanship Award went to Bible Heritage and Rigo Pina from Paducah was the three-point contest winner.

All-Tournament selections from Clarendon were Danzel Wilson, Brad Sell, and David Gordon. Cody Ponder from Highland Park was the MVP.

Scoring: LaDez Captain 20, TJ

Brown 13, Alton Gaines 8, Brad Sell 5, David Gordon 3, Danzel Wilson 3, and Aaron Gordon 2.

The Broncos began the tournament against Groom in the first round and solidly defeated them 73-45. It was never a contest for the Broncos as they took a commanding lead from the beginning and never looked back.

Scoring: Wilson 18, Captain 14, Askew 11, Sell 8, Brown 8, Gaines 7, D. Gordon 3, Nathan Gribble 2, and Derrick Shelton 2.

Clarendon had another dominating game in the second round against Silverton and breezed to a 76-35 win.

Every player contributed to the win on the court and the scoreboard as they made short work of the Owls.

Scoring: Wilson 13, Captain 12, Brown 11, Gaines 8, A. Gordon 8, D. Gordon 8, Sell 6, Askew 6, Gribble 2, and Shelton 2.

The next round ended in a disappointing loss for the Broncos as they took on Highland Park and lost 42-68.

The Hornets had a big first half offensively as they went up 39-15 over the Broncos. Clarendon narrowed the gap in the second half of play, but it was just too much to overcome. Even though the Broncos did not win the championship, they showed a lot of hustle and determination.

"We did well coming off the Christmas break," coach Colby Waldrop said. "Now we need to step up and get ready for District."

Scoring: Captain 13, D. Gordon 8, Sell 7, Brown 6, Gribble 2, Gaines 2, Shelton 2, and Wilson 2.

Prior to the tournament, the Broncos left no doubt as they took care of Arbor Academy on the road recently and defeated them 59-40.

After a slow first quarter and trailing by five, the Broncos hit

another gear defensively, holding their opponent to only four points.

Offensively, the players stepped it up to overtake the Lions at the break. A huge fourth quarter sealed the 19-point win for the Broncos. They had three players in double figures.

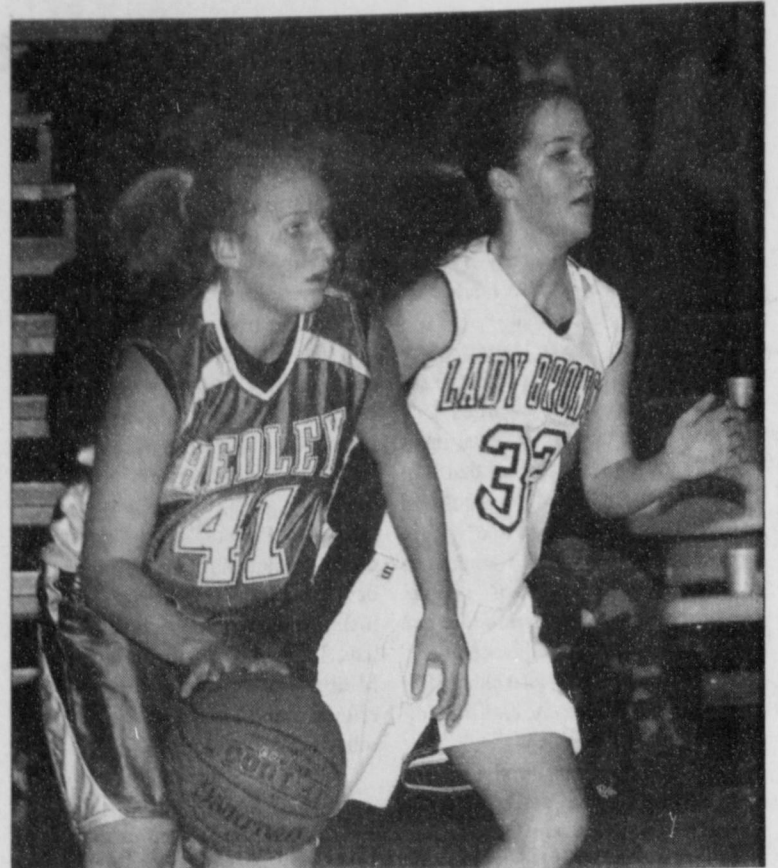
"We played well defensively," Coach Colby Waldrop said.

"We played three of our best quarters so far this year. Our second and fourth quarters were really good, and we played smart."

Scoring: LaDez Captain 16, TJ Brown 13, Alton Gaines 11, Dalton Askew 6, Danzel Wilson 6, Brad Sell 2, Aaron Gordon 2, David Gordon 2, and Derrick Shelton 1.

The Broncos will travel to Channing on January 5.

The Broncos will travel to Channing January 5 and will play Bushland at home January 12. They will play at Panhandle January 9 with all games beginning at 8:00 p.m.



Run for it

Hedley's Kristen Dwight drives downcourt past Clarendon's Haley Carter during the championship game of the Greenbelt Tournament Saturday.

Enterprise Photo / Kari Lindsey

Lady Broncs defeat Arbor Academy

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos had a huge showing in Amarillo recently as they totally dominated their opponent, defeating them 76-34. The game was only close in the first quarter as they ended it at 13 apiece. It was then the Ladies took control offensively and left no question as to the victory.

"We needed it," Coach Steve Myatt said. "We feel like we have turned a corner in our play. They have worked very hard to get to this point. We have been through some wars on the court, but we are putting it together."

Three Lady Broncos finished the game in double figures, and all contributed to the win on the board.

Scoring: Jessi Howard 16, Macy Shadle 11, Sade Cobb 10, Erin Holland 8, Haley Carter 7, Shelby Watson 6, Abbie Massingill 6, Regan Lemley 6, Jill Cornell 4, and Katie Askew 2.

The Lady Broncos will travel to Memphis January 5.

Lady Bronco JV wins

The Lady Broncos had an easy time getting past Arbor Academy in Amarillo Tuesday night as they defeated them 40-21.

The Ladies took advantage of their opponent early on and built a 22-12 half time lead. They continued their dominance after the break and worked together to stop any offensive attempt by the Lady Lions. They went on to outscore their opponent and finish the game with a win.

Scoring: Jenci White 10, Bailey Starnes 9, Cortnee Thornberry 8, Janae White 5, Morgan Hysinger 4, Dominique Mason 2, Deidre Lewis 1, and Kia Bryley 1.

The Lady Broncos will travel to Memphis January 5.

Bronco JV defeats Lions

The Broncos were successful against the Arbor Academy Lions Monday night in a non-district battle. The players out-hustled their opponent throughout the game to claim the nine-point win.

The Broncos put together a great offensive effort led by top scorer Tré Brown and played good defense to get the win. Scoring: Brown 19, Johny Ballard 8, Ryan Hill 4, Billy Cenicerros 4, and Glen Weatherton 4.

The Broncos will take on the Cyclones at Memphis January 5.

Bronco & Lady Bronco Basketball

Lady Broncos

10 Jessi Howard	Sr.
11 Jill Cornell	Jr.
12 Shelby Watson	Sr.
13 Erin Holland	Jr.
14 Abbie Massingill	Soph.
15 Regan Lemley	Sr.
16 Sade Cobb	Jr.
17 Macy Shadle	Soph.
18 Haley Carter	Sr.
19 Katie Askew	Sr.

Head Coach: Steve Myatt
Assistants: Kasey Bell & Alton Gaines
Managers: Jeremy Jeffers, Casey Phillips, and Mariah Benavidez

Broncos

10 Brad Sell	Sr.
12 Nathan Gribble	So.
14 Alton Gaines	So.
20 Aaron Gordon	So.
30 Derrick Shelton	So.
32 Dalton Askew	Jr.
34 David Gordon	Sr.
42 LaDez Captain	Sr.
50 Danzel Wilson	So.
52 TJ Brown	Jr.

Coaches: Colby Waldrop, Brandon Word
Trainers: Trisha Hewitt, Niki Roberts
Filmer: Kiki Hill

Tuesday, January 9

Lady Broncos v. Channing
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Broncos v. Panhandle
in Panhandle, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, January 12

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Extension offers tips to get ready for tax season

COLLEGE STATION — Brace yourself. Income tax time is coming.

When it comes to getting ready to file your income tax return, remember what the Boy Scouts say: Be prepared. That's the advice of Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Texas Cooperative Extension

family economics specialist. Make sure you have all your forms before you do anything else, she said. Have all your W-2 forms and 1099 forms from any employer or financial institution where you have interest-bearing accounts.

"W-2 and 1099s have to be in hand by Jan. 31," she said. "If you're itemizing, you need to keep track of your property tax and interest paid on your home. Don't file too soon — you might not have all your necessary paperwork yet."

To save themselves from a sur-

prise, Cavanagh advised those who have mutual funds to check to see if they are going to owe taxes on those funds this year.

This tax season will bring some changes in what can be deducted and what can't, Cavanagh said.

As of August 17, 2006, she said, only charitable contributions of clothing and household goods in very good condition are qualified as deductions. And receipts will be required when claiming any cash contributions made after that date. The Salvation Army's Web site at <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/> or the Internal Revenue Service's site at <http://www.irs.gov/> have more information.

Also this year, a credit for the Federal Telephone Excise Tax will be available on a one-time basis, Cavanagh said.

"People will be able to claim

it whether they itemize or not or whether they file a tax return or not," she said. "If you don't need to file a return (for example, people who didn't have enough income in 2006) you can file for this on Form 1040-EZT and get the telephone excise tax credit."

This amount should be \$30-\$60 "depending on filing status and number of dependents," Cavanagh added. "It's a one-time credit for 2006 returns."

And then there's the Earned Income Credit, she said.

"People who meet the requirements for Earned Income Credit need to file whether or not they owe taxes in order to receive (this credit)." The IRS Web site can help in determining whether or not you meet those requirements, she added.

All these changes can be extremely confusing, but the good

news is: You're not in this alone, she said.

"Free tax preparation assistance is available in most communities for those with low- to middle incomes and the elderly," she said.

The two most common are the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program — frequently called VITA — and AARP's Tax Aide program, Cavanagh said.

Although some volunteer income tax assistance preparation sites may have income limits, she said, "most AARP sites will prepare returns for anyone in the low- to middle-income range."

If you are using a tax-preparation service of any kind, Cavanagh advised taking a copy of last year's return and the Social Security cards of everyone you are claiming as dependents with you.

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"In this season of giving, we want to encourage consumers to donate their used electronic items instead of throwing them away," said Matt Baker, division director of the Small Business and Environmental Assistance division at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

"Often these products are still in perfectly good working condition and can be recycled for reuse or disassembled and sold for parts."

Based on a study by the National Recycling Coalition, about 1.5 million computers are taken out of

service in Texas annually and only an estimated 162,000 are recycled, leaving more than 1.3 million units that aren't recycled.

"Even if your computer is several years old, it is still valuable," said Baker. "An average personal computer typically contains 40 percent steel, 30 to 40 percent plastic, 10 percent aluminum and 10 percent other metals, including copper, gold, silver, cadmium, and platinum — all recyclable."

To find a recycler near you, the TCEQ has published an updated version of its statewide computer and electronics recycler locator guide, located in the "Hot Topics" column of the TCEQ home page, <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/>.

In addition, take-back programs are also being offered by some makers of computers. Contact your manufacturer for details.

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Drugs in the News

Celebrex Approved for Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis

Last month, the FDA approved the drug Celebrex (celecoxib) for the treatment of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (JRA) in children as young as two years of age. The drug was first approved in the US in 1998 for adults with osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. Other drugs in this same family of drugs (COX-2 inhibitors) include Vioxx and Bextra, which were both removed from the market in 2004. However, the results of a 6 month evaluation of over 200 children with JRA showed that Celebrex worked just as well as Naproxen. According to news reports, the manufacturer of Celebrex has agreed to continue conducting long termsafety and effectiveness studies.

JRA is a type of arthritis that affects up to 60,000 children in the US. The first signs include pain in the joints or swelling and redness in the joints. There are 3 types of JRA described in the medical literature. Polyarticular arthritis typically involves 5 or more joints, including the small joints of the hand. Pauciarticular JRA affects 4 or less joints, including the knee and wrist joints. Systemic JRA affects joints in the entire body.

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